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Comments: Don't Allow Fracking in the Ruby Mountains

Dear Ms. Elliott,

The Ruby Mountains are one of the most spectacular landscapes in Nevada. With abundant big game, robust trout fisheries and dense sage grouse habitat, the Rubies are a critical resource for wildlife.

Fracking and drilling for oil and gas would irreparably harm this undisturbed area. The waters that our trout rely on could be poisoned in spills or well failures after fracking. Mule deer habitat would be fragmented, and the deers' ability to safely overwinter would be compromised. Vulnerable sage grouse, known to be negatively affected by oil and gas development, will inch steadily closer to extinction.

I urge you not to permit any leasing for oil and gas in the Ruby Mountains. Non-surface occupancy stipulations do nothing to protect our precious aquatic resources from the harms of fracking. The only way to protect the fragile resources of the Rubies is to forbid leasing on all of these parcels.

YOU ARE NOT LISTENING TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC, BUT ONLY TO YOUR CORPORATE DONORS AND OLIGARCHS. AMERICANS DO NOT WANT MORE DIRTY, PLANET-RAPING, AND DESTRUCTIVE FORMS OF ENERGY. WIND AND SOLAR POWER ARE CLEAN AND READILY AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE EVERYWHERE. GET WITH THE TIMES AND WITH WHAT USED TO BE AMERICAN INNOVATION. HOLDING US BACK IN THE 19TH and 20th CENTURY IS RIDICULOUS, SHORT-SIGHTED, SELFISH, STUPID, AND SELF-DEFEATING!! TYPICAL OF REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENTS.

Thank you,

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